Year 1

Term 2

Welcome to Term 2!

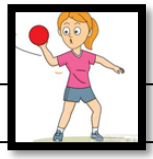
Our theme this term is **'Can we make the ordinary extraordinary?'**

This term, Year 1 are going to be discovering more about the world, through stories, nature walks, and creative exploration. We'll be learning all about woodland habitats and the animals and plants that live there, while also taking inspiration from the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates stunning art using natural materials. The children will be using leaves, twigs, stones, and more to make their own woodland masterpieces.



PE

PE will continue to be on a **Monday (outdoor– target games)** and a **Wednesday (indoor– dance).** Your child will need to come to school in a PE t-shirt, shorts, trainers, jogging bottoms, and a jumper. Please name the jumpers as they can tend to get mixed up! No jewellery is permitted and we cannot remove any earrings so **please ensure** you do this on these days.



Exciting events

We have a lot of events to look forward to this term, including Children in Need, Friendship week and Science day. Please do look at the bottom of Miers Court Matters for a list of dates for the term. **The PTFA have lots of events planned for this term too!**

We will be busy practising our Christmas show this term. We really look forward to being able to invite parents in to watch the children perform. We will let you know as soon as we can what your child will be, what they will need and dates for your diary.



Reading

In Year 1 we encourage the children to read their school book or other books **every day**. They may read the whole book or as many pages as they can comfortably manage. Please sign/ initial the **orange reading record** to show your child has read and indicate the page number they have got to, or write 'end' if they have finished the whole book. Please make sure books are in on Thursday for changing.

Here are some questions to ask your child when they read, to help develop their comprehension.

What does this... word/phrase/sentence... tell you about... character?
Where/when does the story take place?
What do you think will happen next? Why?
What do these words mean and why do you think the author chose them?
What will happen next? Why do you think this? Are there any clues in the text?



Just to let you know, your child reads to an adult in school four times a week during our guided reading sessions. This is recorded in school, along with your child's next steps (we planned on stamping children's reading records every time they read, but decided this is unnecessary and time consuming so will be moving away from this) If we feel your child's next step or reading needs support from home, we will let you know.

Library visits

Year 1 will be visiting the school library every Thursday. Please remember to send your child into school with their library book every Thursday so that they can return it and take out a new book.



Maths

Please remember that we are using NumBots in Year 1. The children really enjoy exploring this in class.

Please take the time to enjoy the App with your child. In class we shall be continuing addition and subtraction and revisiting our number bonds to 10.



English



This term, our Year 1 children are moving on from Drawing Club and entering Curious Quests! They are going to be introduced to Professor Klunk and other characters who are designed to inspire and encourage curiosity and imagination. We will be diving into some brilliant books, including; *Leaf Man*, *The Sun Thief*, and *The Gruffalo* - stories full of nature, mystery, and adventure!

To support with Curious Quests, we will need a regular supply of junk modelling, preferably smaller items like small boxes, yoghurt pots, fruit punnets etc.



Hats, gloves and scarves

With temperatures due to get colder from now, we are aware that most of you would like to provide your child with a scarf, hat and gloves to keep them warm during playtime and lunchtimes. As with all other items of uniform, it is vital these items are clearly named. Clothing which is unnamed will be put into lost property if it is unclaimed.

Please do not forget that with OPAL, children will go out at lunchtime in all weathers. They must have a coat and a change of shoes (preferably wellies) in school everyday.





If you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to speak to you.

Mrs Doherty and Miss Coverson